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Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Member
House Judiciary Committee Democratic Staff
B-351-C Rayburn House Office Building
Attn: Perry Apelbaum/Ted Kalo
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Dear Congressman Conyers:

This responds to your April 1, 2003, letter to the Secretary of Defense requesting the confidential financial disclosure reports of the Defense Policy Board members and for copies of the Board's minutes.

By law, the confidential financial disclosure reports are not available to the public and are subject to the Privacy Act. 5 C.F.R. 2634.604(b). The Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, allows disclosure in response to a request from a House of Representatives' Committee when the matter is within the jurisdiction of the Committee. 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(9). Since we have not received a request from the Committee, we cannot release the reports.

The minutes of the most recent Defense Policy Board meetings will be provided to you under separate cover, once they have been approved. This should be a matter of a few days.

If you have or your staff has any questions, please contact Stewart Aly at (703) 695-6804.

Sincerely,

William J. Haynes II

